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M. S. Rocket Blasts For Sweet Charity

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Satellites may come, go or stay on the ground but one got into "orbit" last evening, taking off from a gala dance.

This was at the sixth annual benefit dinner dance for the Multiple Sclerosis Association of greater Washington.

The party, as usual, took place at the Shoreham Hotel's Terrace room and, as in the past, there was a musical revue.

This year the production, which again was written by Scotty Lanahan (Mrs. Samuel J.), was a take-off on "Around the World in 80 Days" named "Tour de Force."

The "tour" put Mike Todd in the dark ages. Instead of a balloon, the show had a rocket that took off most successfully with a United States Senator (played by Taylor Chewning) and his administrative assistant on board. The latter was played by Dick Barrett, son-in-law of the Clark Cliffords.

Among Best Parties

The party was one of the best of the season and one reason for this is that protocol takes a back seat, if it is seated at all! By and large, the group is younger than at most benefit dances and there is nothing for sale (not even that liquid refreshment). The original subscription covered the "multitude of sins."

The revue which was produced, directed by and given a zesty touch by Margo McConihe, had a third leading character, Rita LaRue, played by Betty Noyes (Mrs. Newbold Noyes, jr.)

As the group in their flying machine soared over Japan, Africa and gay Paris, the script let fly with a political barb or two.

En route, the Senator's administrative assistant moaned about their return and a possible investigation with "Senator Symington and his group will really give us what for." The "Senator" replied, "Oh, how to save face in outer space" to the hilarity of Senator Symington in the audience.

Roberto Rossolini made his appearance in India, played by Mr. Norman Paul. In Africa there was an African queen, played by Donna Kilder (Mrs. Randolph Kidder).